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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

TAKESHI YASUMOTO, ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/978,213

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: DRIVING FORCE TRANSMISSION)
MECHANISM, IMAGE FORMING :
APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH SUCH)
A MECHANISM, AND PROCESS :
UNIT OF SUCH AN APPARATUS)

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 2852

January 15, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

APPLICATION NO.

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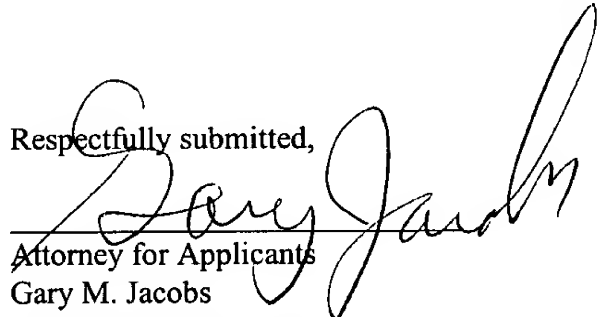
No fee or statement is required in connection with this Information Disclosure statement, since it is being submitted prior to the last of (1) issuance of a first official action on the merits or (2) expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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